the availability of safer substitutes as well as the cost factor involved in the treatment of a particular disease. There is no system of global banning of drugs. There is an adequate mechanism to review the status of drugs in India as and when any serious adverse event is reported in international journals or WHO newsletters etc. 75 categories of drugs/drug formulations have so far been prohibited in the country.

The drug or formulations discontinued in developed countries are assessed by an expert committee in consultation with leading experts in given specializations. Based on their advice, the matter is placed before the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), a statutory body which comprises representatives from the medical profession, the State Drug Enforcement Authorities, experts, institutions, agencies that advise the Government on technical issues related to the implementation of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder.

Chennai-Madurai Jan Shatabdi Express

*79. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to introduce a Jan Shatabdi Express between Chennai and Madurai in view of ever increasing need and pressure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Introduction of Jan Shatabdi Express between the two cities is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints including severe line capacity and terminal constraints.

Destruction of trees due to insects

*80. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: